



TROY CITY VIEW

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Spring 2005

Permits Are Needed For...

We are heading into the spring season when the weather begins to become friendlier for home repairs and other property related projects. The Troy Planning Department would like all residents to know that permits are required for certain projects and need to be obtained prior to beginning work. The following is a brief overview of the permits required. All permits can be obtained from the Planning Department located in City Hall. If you have any doubts of whether or not you should obtain a permit, contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481.

1. A **Historic Approval** is required for any change to a structure (painting, siding, windows, porches, additions, etc.) located within the Historical District.
2. A **Home Occupancy Permit** is required when an individual wishes to operate a business out of his/her home.

3. An **Occupancy Permit** is required for any new business locating within the city limits of Troy or an existing business that wishes to relocate within the city limits.

4. A **Permanent or Temporary Sign Permit** is required anytime a permanent or temporary sign/banner/etc. is erected at a property.

5. A **Temporary Use Permit** is required for any use that is temporary (i.e., outdoor garden sales).

6. A **Tent Permit** is required prior to erecting the structure and is only allowed to be put up for not more than fourteen consecutive days in any ninety day period. Small outdoor camping tents do not require a permit.

7. A **Demolition Permit** is required when any whole or partial structure is torn down or removed from a property (i.e., sheds, garages, houses, etc.).

8. A **Zoning Permit** is required for any new residential or commercial structure.

Troy's Income Tax Filing Date Is Set For April 15

The Troy Income Tax Department would like to remind all residents 18 years of age and older that filing a Troy Tax Return is required whether or not a tax is due. Only properly qualified residents who have filed a Certification Form may be exempt from the City's mandatory filing requirement.

Due to legislative changes passed in the State of Ohio, the deadline for filing a City Tax Return is now April 15. Any return filed on April 16 or later will be considered late and may incur a \$15 late fee plus penalties and interest. The Troy Post Office has stated that if a citizen plans to mail a return at the Troy Post Office, he/she needs to do so by 5:30 p.m. in order to receive an April 15 postmark. Residents may also file their tax return at the Income Tax Department Office window located on the first floor of City Hall at 100 South Market Street or in the drop box located in the lobby. The drop box will be checked after midnight. Anyone filing a return, in person, at the window will receive a stamped copy of receipt.

Business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to normal business hours, the Office will be open on Saturday, April 2 and 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for taxpayer assistance.

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Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week

The City of Troy will hold its annual "Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week" from April 18 through April 22, 2005. During this week, residents will be permitted to exceed the standard five-bag limit for household refuse. In addition, residents are encouraged to engage in and promote spring clean-up in their neighborhoods. The items that are collected should be of the type normally classified as household refuse and should be placed in standard containers for collection (bags and trash cans, but not boxes). Items that are classified as recyclable should be placed in recycling bins for collection.

If citizens have questions or need to obtain a recycling bin, please call the Central Maintenance & Service Facility at (937) 335-1914.

CITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2005

1	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
7	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
9	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
21	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
23	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

APRIL 2005

4	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
5	Joint Meeting, Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Board	11 a.m.
13	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
21	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
27	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

MAY 2005

2	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
3	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
11	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
16	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
19	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
25	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
30	Memorial Day Holiday—City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day All Week)	

JUNE 2005

3,4,5	Strawberry Festival Bed Races, Parade and Levee Activities	
6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
7	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
8	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
16	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
20	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
22	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

*All meetings are held at Troy City Hall, 100 South Market Street, unless otherwise designated.

2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, www.troyohio.gov, as well as at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings planned for this spring.

Mon. March 7	Mon. April 4	Mon. May 2	Mon. June 6
Mon. March 21	Mon. April 18	Mon. May 16	Mon. June 20

CITY FACES POTENTIAL OF CUTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

Troy, like many communities, continues to monitor the possibility of the State balancing its budget by retaining a greater share of Local Government Funds (LGF). The LGF is collected by the state and then returned by the state to the local municipality to be used to meet operating expenses. Eroding the City's share of the LGF would force the City to be more creative in order to balance its own budget.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

⌘ **TROY AQUATIC PARK** The pool is in place and the buildings have been erected. Citizens are able to see portions of what the end product will look like. The entire facility is planned to open for Memorial Day weekend 2005. Season passes will go on sale in May.

⌘ **NEW CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BUILDING** The exterior of the building is complete. Utilities were connected and the



interior is being completed. Staff expects to move into their new facility in March.

⌘ **TREASURE ISLAND MARINA** Exterior improvements are being made to the marina building that currently houses Arang Restaurant. Windows have been replaced and new colors on the building are visible. This is one of the first phases of improvements planned for the building.

Internet Security

Phishing (the act of sending an email from a source that looks like a legitimate business for the purpose of scamming a person by obtaining personal information such as bank numbers or passwords) is one of the quickest growing trends on the Internet. It is costing consumers and businesses over \$50 billion per year. Average students or criminals and bored stay at homes are the main source of producers of these emails asking for personal information for businesses such as banks, Ebay, PayPal, and AOL. Individuals must be responsible for their own online security. The following are several ways you can protect yourself on the Internet:

1. Never navigate to a business site provided by a third party link. Use your own bookmark or retype the business' webpage address.
2. Do not open suspicious email or click on links.
3. Do not email sensitive or personal information.
4. Use antivirus software and keep it updated.
5. Be cautious when opening attachments or downloading information from a link.
6. Report suspicious emails or links to the Federal Trade Commission or visit www.ftc.gov or www.consumer.gov/idtheft to learn more about Internet security.

TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 9

Watch for the Mayor's Report and the City Council Update programs on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 9.

Mayor's Report _____ Monday & Friday - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Update _____ Monday & Friday - 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 12 noon

Troy's New Facility Has A New Name

The Troy Recreation Board sponsored a contest to name the new aquatic center. There were 101 entries submitted by 32 people, and the winner of the contest was **Kelly Hinderman** of Troy. Kelly recommended Troy Aquatic Park as the new name for the facility. Council approved the name in January. As the contest winner, Kelly will receive a free family pool pass, a pool party for 100 of her friends, and will be the first person down the slide at the Opening Day Ceremonies.

The Troy Aquatic Park is scheduled to open May 28, 2005. Season passes will go on sale May 2, 2005.

2005 TROY AQUATIC PARK ADMISSION RATES

Daily Pass	General
Toddler (2 years old & younger)	Free
Pre-school (ages 3 to 5)	\$2.00
Youth (ages 6 to 18)	\$4.00
Adult (ages 19 to 59)	\$4.00
Senior (age 60 & older)	\$4.00

Early Bird Season Pass (May 2, 2005 to May 27, 2005)

Family*	\$150.00
Toddler (2 years old & younger)	Free
Youth (ages 3 to 18)	\$60.00
Adult (ages 19 to 59)	\$80.00
Senior (age 60 & older)	\$60.00

Regular Season Pass

Family*	\$165.00
Toddler (2 years old & younger)	Free
Youth (ages 3 to 18)	\$66.00
Adult (ages 19 to 59)	\$88.00
Senior (age 60 & older)	\$66.00

* A Family Pass consists of a mother, a father (or legal guardians), and children under the age of 18 living at the same residence.

Benefits of having a Troy Aquatic Park Season Pass:

1. Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Member Swim Only; and
2. Family Season Pass holders receive one complimentary youth swim lesson session.

Troy Aquatic Park Hours Of Operation

Monday through Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is Family Swim only**

Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**The facility will only be open to families. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. Youth not accompanied by a parent or guardian will not be permitted to swim.

For more information on the Troy Aquatic Park, please call the Recreation Department at (937) 339-5145.

Have You Ever Thought About Being A Lifeguard?

Lifeguard training classes will be offered in March for an \$80.00 fee. Successful completion of the course will make you eligible for hire at the new Troy Aquatic Park and a partial reimbursement of the Lifeguard class fee after working a complete pool season for the City of Troy. For more information please call Carrie Slater at (937) 339-5145.

HAPPENINGS AT HOBART ARENA



The Greater Dayton Youth Hockey League Postseason Tournament is March 3, 4, 5, and 6. Admission is free.

The Jordan World Circus will return to Hobart Arena March 8, 2005. Show times will be 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$14.00 for adults and \$6.00 for youths (12 years old & younger).

Troy Junior Hockey Invitational Tournaments will be hosted on March 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. Admission is free.

Tri States Council Skating Competition is sponsored by the Troy Skating Club and will be held on March 30 and 31 and April 1, 2, and 3. Admission is free.

Troy Skating Club Skating Spectacular will be held on April 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and free for children 12 years old and younger.

Dayton Bombers vs. Atlantic City Boardwalk

Bullies The Dayton Bombers return to Troy's Hobart Arena on March 15, 2005 to battle the Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies. Game time is 7:30 p.m. with the gates opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available now by visiting Hobart Arena's office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.

to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The office is located at 255 Adams Street in Troy. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (937) 339-2911. All tickets are \$10.00.



Dye Mill Facility To Re-Open In April

The City of Troy will open the Dye Mill Road facility on Monday, April 4, 2005. The facility will be open designated days and hours in order to provide a flexible schedule to residents of Troy. The hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The facility is closed on Wednesdays.

These hours will be maintained through November 26, 2005. The facility will be closed on the following legal holidays: May 30 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), September 5 (Labor Day), and November 24 (Thanksgiving Day). Persons using the facility will have to provide proof that they are residents of Troy. The items to be deposited will also be checked for acceptance.

The only items that can be accepted at the Dye Mill Road facility are grass, garden refuse, dirt, sod, small rocks, broken concrete, bricks, or block. EPA regulations do not permit the acceptance of brush, sticks, or twigs.

CITY CLIPS



Pay Your Utility Bill Without Leaving Your Home

Did you know that you could pay your City utility bill (water and sewer) without ever leaving the comfort of your home? You can in Troy if you utilize the automatic payment deduction plan.

Here's how it works. First you obtain an application form from the Billing & Collection Office, located on the first floor of City Hall. You may also call the office at (937) 335-4151 and a form will be mailed to you. You must complete the application and return it, along with a voided check, to the Billing & Collection Office. The Office will make the arrangements with your local financial institution to have your monthly bill automatically deducted from your checking or savings account on the bill due date.

If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment will be deducted from your account on the preceding business day. You will continue to receive your monthly bill at the same time, showing the amount of usage and the amount to be taken from your account. If you have any questions concerning your bill, you should contact the Office prior to the withdrawal of funds. That allows any corrections or adjustments to be made before the payment is withdrawn from your account.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Billing & Collection Office at (937) 335-4151.

Paint Voucher And Garage Demolition Program

The Planning Department would like to remind citizens of Troy about the Paint Voucher Program and the Garage Demolition Program. The Paint Voucher Program assists residents by providing up to \$250 for the purchase of paint for the exterior of their home. The Garage Demolition Program provides funds for those residents who wish to demolish a "condemnable" garage structure. Certain guidelines apply to both programs. Please contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481 for more information or stop by their office in City Hall for an application.

Exciting Things Are Happening...

At The Troy Rec Before And After School Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the Acorn Society, the Rec was able to have Boonshoft Exhibits-To-Go visit their facility during December and January. The programs offered enriched the daily activities of the participants and were a great hands-on learning opportunity. The Rec also held their 9th Annual Paper-Airplane Flying Contest. Everyone who participated received a prize. For more information call Janet Lark at (937) 440-9805.

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Attention Web Surfers

Have you visited the official website of the City of Troy?

If not, surf over to www.troyohio.gov and check us out. The site is full of useful information about the City as an organization, as well as the community.

The website changes regularly, so visit often to keep abreast of meeting dates, job openings and other useful information.

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